

RURAL CONNECTIONS

A Monthly Newsletter Dedicated to the events and activities of Clark County's Rural Communities

Celebrate National Public Lands Day at Pyramid Canyon Park in Laughlin

On Saturday, September 27th the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park & Trails in Laughlin will be hosting a day full of free fun and activities to celebrate National Public Lands Day.

Events will kick off at 7 a.m. with a "Roadrunner" 5k Run and 1-Mile Walk along the Colorado River. To register, contact Parks and Recreation at 702-298-3413.

Exhibits and activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. include live animal exhibits, a stewardship scavenger hunt, fishing fun, guided interpretive hikes, horse education and horse rides. Volunteers can also participate in the public lands projects to install an interpretive panel and trail signage. Come join in the fun and bring your picnic lunch or purchase breakfast burritos, hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks and drinks. And...raffle tickets for free prizes will be given to those that participate in the activities! The raffle will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Pyramid Day Use Area.

Two hikes are scheduled for those who want to get some exercise while learning about the area. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a History of the Dam Hike and at 1:00 p.m. the Desert Plants and Animals Hike will start.

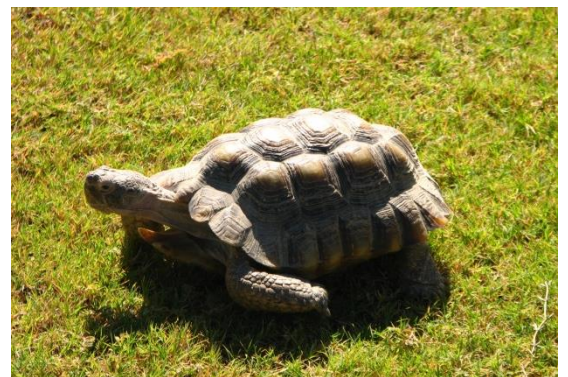
Pyramid Canyon Park is location off of Davis Dam Road and State Route 163 in Laughlin.

For more details about this or other events visit:

www.facebook.com/ColoradoRiverHeritageGreenwayParkandTrail

www.publiclandsday.org

www.laughlintrails.org



Events for September – Southeast

- **Sunday, September 7** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 9** – Laughlin Town Advisory Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Tuesday, September 9** – Laughlin Parks and Recreation classes begin at the Spirit Mountain Activity Center. Classes include Baking, Dance, Sports and Crafts. Call 702-298-3413 for details
- **Wednesday, September 10** – Searchlight Town Advisory Board Mtg at the Searchlight Comm Ctr, 6 pm
- **Wednesday, September 17 – Friday, September 19** – “Camp Silver Pines” at Camp Lee in Lee Canyon. A 3 day, 2 night camping experience for adults aged 50 and over. Cost is \$25. For more information or to sign up, call 702-297-1682
- **Saturday, September 20** – Spirit Mountain Quilt Guild, Lessons 1 & 2 at the Laughlin Library, 10 am. Pick up an informational flyer at the library or call 702-507-4060 for more details
- **Saturday, September 20** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm
- **Sunday, September 21** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 25** – Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 pm. Learn about Hispanic heritage through fun games, crafts and activities. Ages 5-11
- **Saturday, September 27** – National Public Lands Day celebration, Pyramid Park in Laughlin (see cover story for more information)



23rd Annual “Roddin’ on the River September 25th – 28th

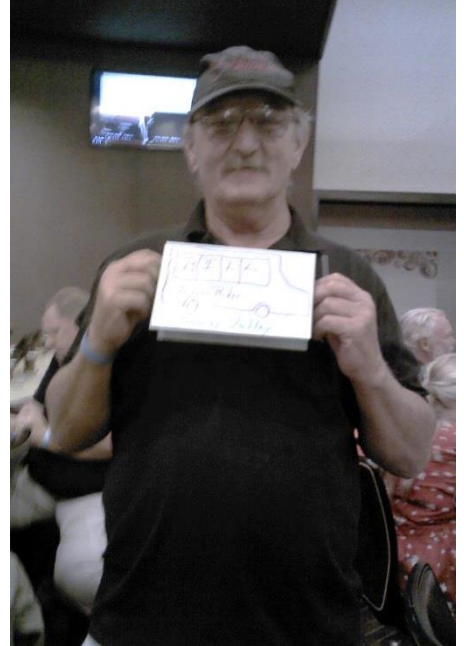
Laughlin announces that the annual charity event featuring all years, makes and models will be held at the Riverside Casino and is sponsored by the River Cruizers Car Club. Proceeds from this event go toward local charities. In addition to the display of numerous vehicles, there will also be vendors, a pin striper, car corral for vehicles for sale and an auto parts swap meet. For details visit:

http://www.rivercruizers.com/roddin_on_the_river

Also, across the street in the Tropicana parking lot all types of custom, classic, hot rod and low-rider vehicles will be on display. Other activities will include a Show 'n' Shine, vendors, DJ music, contests and more! For car entry and vendor information, e-mail Happy Times Events at loucynsdasdream@hotmail.com or 702-298-4200

Twelve Sandy Valley & Goodsprings residents hit the jackpot!

Okay, so maybe there wasn't an actual jackpot – but they sure had a great time on their August 23rd trip to the Green Valley Ranch Hotel & Casino for the KJUL Bingo special. There was a lot of laughter, good food and fun! Thank you to Southern Nevada Transit Coalition's Silver Rider Bus and driver Bill Newsome!



Events for September– Southwest

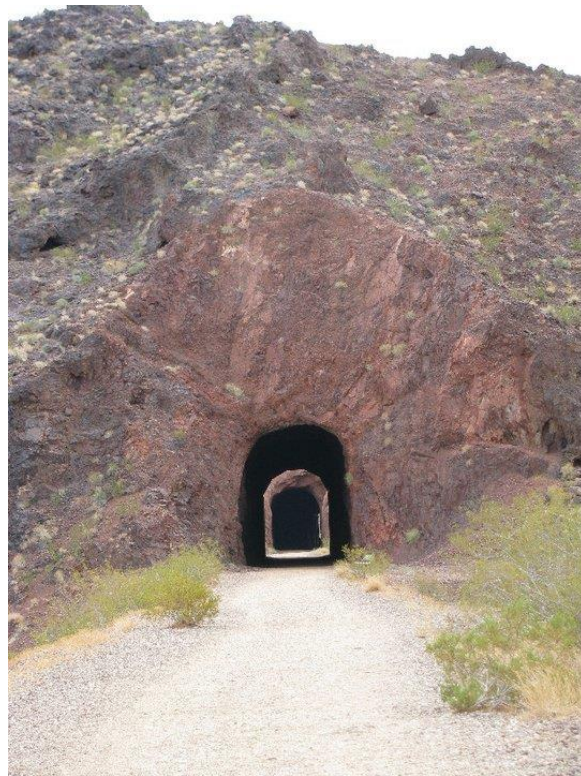
- **Tuesday September 2, 9 & 30** – Open Rec. at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 4:30 – 6 pm**
- **Saturday, September 6** – Goodsprings Volunteer Fire Department Open House, Noon – 3 pm
- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Wednesday, September 3, 17 & 24** – Adult/Teen Basketball, Sandy Valley School Gym, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- **Thursday, September 4** – Movie Night at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 5 – 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, September 6** – Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the Sandy Valley Senior Center, Potluck at 5 pm, Cards dealt at 6 pm. \$5 buy in – maximum 2 per person.
- **Tuesday, September 9** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, September 9** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, September 10** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, September 20** – Sandy Valley Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 am, \$3.50 for pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy. Best to be found in a small town!
- **Thursday, September 25** – Field Trip to the UNLV Volleyball Game from Sandy Valley**
- **Saturday, September 27** – Goodsprings Community Clean Up and Fall BBQ, 9 am to 1 pm
- **Tuesday, September 30** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council **Contact Shawna at 702-723-5040 for more information

Rural Road Trip of the Month: Historic Railroad Trail

Note from the Editor – When space and time permit I will be featuring road trip and recreation destinations around Clark County. I'll start by sharing ones my family and I have been to and enjoyed, but would love to include your favorites, too! Just send them to me at meggan@clarkcountynv.gov

As the days begin to get a little bit cooler as we head into fall, it is a great time to get out and do a little hiking and exploring. A great family-friendly destination is the Historical Railroad Trail near Boulder City. The trail follows the elevated railroad bed that is the only remaining section of the Hoover Dam Railroad. This is an easy, relatively level trail that takes you through 5 old railroad tunnels and provides panoramic views of Lake Mead and the surrounding landscape. It is great for walking and biking – even for little kiddos. As you move along the trail, you can see big, rusty pieces of metal that are remnants of railroad. Also, be on the lookout for wildlife. When my family has hiked this trail we have seen lizards, birds, bats and ground squirrels. It is 2.2 miles to get through all 5 tunnels (for a total round-trip distance of 4.4 miles) – but you can make the hike as long or short as you would like. If you are feeling really adventurous, you can continue past the last tunnel another 2 miles to the Dam. We haven't tried that yet, but it is on my list of things to do with fall/winter.



To get there, head out of Boulder City towards Hoover Dam on US Hwy 93. Turn left on Lake Shore Rd. (before you get to the Hacienda). Go past the entrance to the Alan Bible Visitor's Center, the trailhead parking area will be on your right. The whole trail is pretty exposed and can be hotter than Las Vegas, so be sure to wear sunscreen and carry plenty of water.

For more information visit <http://www.nps.gov/lake/planyourvisit/hikerr.htm>





Football is like life - it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority.
Vince Lombardi

**Good luck to all of our
rural football teams - have
a great season!**

Events for September – Northwest

- **Tuesdays** – Coupon exchange at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6 pm**
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk social time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am**
- **Tuesday, September 2** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3:30 pm, Cost \$1**
- **Sunday, September 7, 14 & 21** – Junior Ranger Program at the Spring Mountains Visitor Center in Kyle Canyon, 1 – 2 pm, best suited for kids in the 2nd to 5th grade. No need to register – just show up!
- **Thursday, September 11** – Indian Springs TAB meeting at the Indian Springs Community Ctr, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, September 13** – High Desert Seniors Potluck at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3–5 pm, this month's theme is French cuisine.
- **Thursday, September 18** – Adult Game Night and Social Time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm, 16 years and older
- **Saturday, September 27** – High Desert Seniors 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off, 3–5 pm, Contact Dukk Miller at 702–879–0833 for more information
- **Saturday, September 27** – National Public Lands Day volunteer event at Mt. Charleston, visit www.gomtcharleston.com for more information
- **Thursday, August 28** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm**

*TAB = Town Advisory Board **For information contact Teresa Hazel at 702–879–3890

Events for June – Northeast

- **Wednesday, September 10** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, September 30** – Moapa TAB* mtg at the Marley P. Robinson Justice Court & Community Ctr, 7 pm

Love Your Library? Tell A Friend!

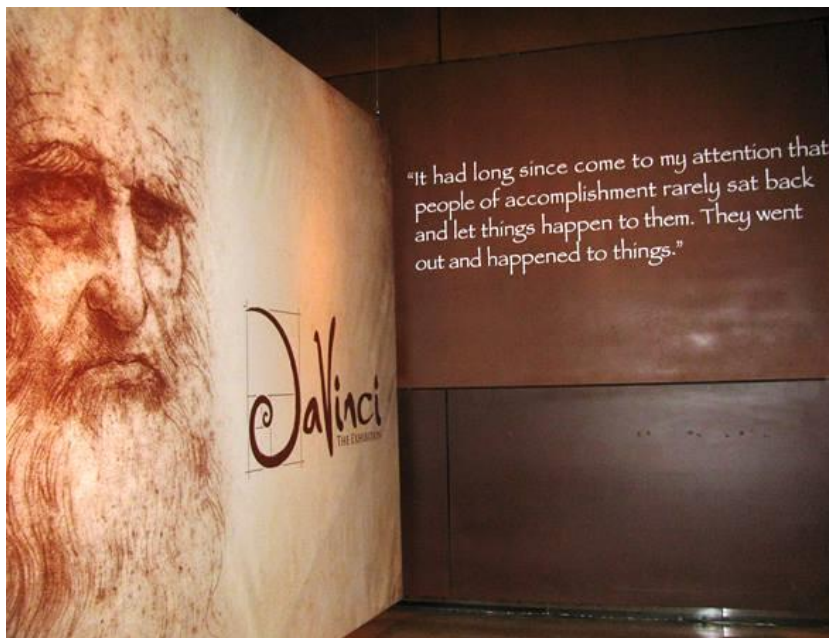
September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time to promote the value of having a library card and using it. The Las Vegas–Clark County Library District and Da Vinci The Exhibition have teamed up to present “Love your Library? Tell a Friend!,” a library card sign-up campaign that begins Monday, September 1 through Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

Just sign up for a free library card during the month of September, or if you already have a library card, Like Us on Facebook, and be automatically entered to earn a chance to win a Grand Prize that includes a family four pack of tickets to Da Vinci The Exhibition at the Venetian Hotel and Casino, and a gift basket of merchandise from the retail shop.

Library patrons who already have a library card and want to visit Da Vinci The Exhibition will receive an exclusive discount admission price of \$19.50 for adults. One child will be admitted free with each paid Adult admission. Admission for each additional child will be \$12.50. Simply show your LVCCLD library card at the Da Vinci The Exhibition Box Office to receive the exclusive discount.

A library card allows free access to a collection of more than several million items of books, magazines, downloadables, CDs and DVDs, as well as online access to an array of information. Teens and children have access to online homework help offering a wealth of free resources designed to assist kids with their daily school assignments.

Getting a free library card is easy. Just stop by any Las Vegas–Clark County Library District branch to fill out an application or apply online at www.lvccld.org.



If you would like to receive Rural Connections or would like to contribute community events, articles or photos, please contact Meggan Holzer at meggan@clarkcountynv.gov or 702-455-0341